Dewan.—

Yes. According to the applications received.

Mr. Paramasiviah.—

Will the Government be pleased to withdraw the privilege of granting these freeships, etc., from the College authorities ?

Dewan.—

That question does not arise.

Mr. M. C. Mallayya.—

Will the Government be pleased to have a non-official on the College Council ?

Dewan.—

That is not a supplementary question. You can bring a resolution on the subject, if necessary.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer.—

In view of the fact that merit scholarships are awarded to the first five successful candidates in the examinations, is it the intention of the Government to prevent rich boys from participating in them ?

Dewan.—

That question does not arise in the case of merit scholarships.

BY MR. B. BASAVEGOWDA (Manjarabad).—

Q.—15. (1) Will the Government be pleased to state why the portion of the road from Hassan to Mangalore in the Bangalore-Mangalore Road which was in very good condition has deteriorated and become unfit for travelling for the past four or five years ?

(2) What was the mileage rate allowed previously and what is it now ?

(3) Whether steps will be taken to bring it to proper condition and maintain it ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—

A.—15. (1) The surface of this road is reported to have sustained heavy damages in the floods of 1924.

The Chief Engineer reports that the damages have been repaired and that he inspected the road several times during the year and has found the condition of the road satisfactory.

(2) The mileage rate allowed five years ago was Rs. 358 on an average and the same continues.

(3) The condition of the road is reported to be satisfactory and its further improvement will be attended to.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Malali Venkatramiah.—

Are the Government aware that the mileage rate of Rs. 358 per mile allotted several years ago is insufficient for the present day requirements when the cost of labour and material has abnormally increased?

Dewan.—

This rate was fixed five years ago. Government are aware that this rate is somewhat inadequate, but they are not in a position to enhance the allotment owing to financial stringency.

BY MESSRS. K. RAMANNA, GIDDEGOWDA (Hole-Narsipur Taluk) and VENKATASAMAIYA (Hole-Narsipur Municipality).—

Q.—16. (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Co-operative Societies that were in existence at the end of 1920-21?

(2) How many were newly established from 1921-22 to the end of 1924-25?

(3) What is the number of societies whose registration was cancelled since 1920-21; the number working satisfactorily at present?

(4) How many societies were inspected during 1923-24 and 1924-25 by the Registrar and the Assistant Registrars, within their respective jurisdiction during their tours and what is the result of such inspections?

(5) Is it not a standing rule that societies should be inspected at least once a year by the Inspecting Officers?